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'FRISCO FARCE

THE long-heralded Conference in San Francisco is now in session. There are already indications that this gathering is going to mark the beginning of the end of Anglo-American-Soviet alliance. The "Big Three" split over the Polish question threatens to widen into a gap of alarming proportions.

The point in dispute is whether or not the present Provisional Government of Poland should be represented at the San Francisco Conference. The Anglo-Americans say emphatically, it should not be represented, while the Russians insist with equal emphasis it should be represented. Both the contending parties invoke for their sanction the agreement at Yalta. The Anglo-Americans claim that, according to this agreement, only representatives of the reorganised Polish Government could be invited to the San Francisco Conference, and not the representatives of the present Provisional Polish Government in Warsaw. This is officially denied by the Soviets who maintain that the question of Polish representation was not only not decided at Yalta, but was not even discussed at all.

There is every indication that in the days ahead, Russia will become more and more defiant of Britain and America. One can see in this quarrel over Poland that each of the "Big Three" is only seeking to grind its own axe, regardless of any principle of equity. When India is being represented in San Francisco by mere hirelings of the British Raj, when the United States is using a puppet of its own as the delegate from the Philippines, how can Britain and America object to representation of the present Provisional Government of Poland? Why should puppetry be the exclusive monopoly of the Anglo-Americans?

As long as Britain and the United States remain incurably imperialistic behind a smoke-screen of high-sounding words like democracy, freedom, etc., they cannot dissuade Russia from doing what she thinks is necessary for her own advantage. This will sooner or later—sooner rather than later—lead inevitably to a mighty clash of arms between Britain and America, on the one hand, and the Soviet Union on the other hand. This is already being frankly foretold in authoritative circles in Britain and America.

Well, what can a war-scarred world expect from a farce-comedy like the conference in San Francisco, stage-managed by three big powers each of which is aiming to outwit and outreach the other two. India, at any rate, has nothing to look forward to from its deliberations, especially as clowns like Sir Ramasamy Mudaliar are masquerading there as her representatives.

Rift In "United Nations" Camp At 'Frisco Widens

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Assembly To Discuss Soviet Vote Proposals; Smaller Powers Dissatisfied

Lisbon, April 26 (Domei)—M. Molotov, Soviet Commissar and delegate to the anti-Axis San Francisco Conference, announced late last night that the proposal to give three votes to Russia in the assembly would be brought up today, according to a London dispatch.

Indicating minor powers' disaffection, the dispatch added that Egyptian Foreign Minister urged that membership of the proposed Security Council should be increased from 11 to 14 to give larger representation to smaller nations.

Lisbon, April 25 (Domei)—The four Governments sponsoring the San Francisco Conference have agreed to support three proposals suggested by Chungking, United States Secretary of State Stettinius said at a press conference in San Francisco yesterday, according to a dispatch received here. They were:—

Firstly, the Charter should provide specifically that adjustment or settlement of international disputes should be achieved with due regard to principles of justice and international law;

Secondly, the assembly should be responsible for initiating and making recommendations with respect to development and revision of rules and principles of international law;

Thirdly, the economic and social council should specifically provide for the promotion of educational and other forms of cultural co-operation.

The dispatch quoted Stettinius as saying these proposals were developed during the course of the Chungking phase of the Dumbarton Oaks Conversations last Fall, and were agreed to at that time by the United States, Britain and Chungking.

They have now been considered with the Soviet Government and that Government has agreed to join in sponsoring the proposals.

INDIAN RAILWAY TRANSPORT SYSTEM SERIOUSLY MENACED BY ALL-OUT LABOUR STRIKE

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All-India Railwaymen's Assn. Hold Emergency Meeting At Secunderabad

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Further indications of the growing strength of the anti-British revolution in India and the waning power of the British Raj are contained in reports that have trickled through the rigorous British censorship in India. Despite ruthless repression, the anti-British revolution is reported to be raging all over the country.

The Anglo-American war efforts in India have been dealt a very severe blow by the ever-increasing revolutionary activities of the freedom-loving masses of India. Production in war industries as well as in coal mines, in many places, almost came to a standstill as a result of strikes and sabotage. Railway and motor transport have been paralysed in various places especially in Bengal and Bihar with the result that essential supplies for the Anglo-American forces in Burma have been held up.

Meanwhile, according to a report from New Delhi, railway transport throughout India is seriously threatened by an all-out strike of the workers. The report says that a meeting of the General Council of the All India Railwaymen's Federation held in Secunderbad on Wednesday passed a resolution directing the President and General Secretary to file immediately an application for a settlement of the Railway Workers' dispute with the Railway Board for their urgent and immediate demands. Pending settlement with the Railway Board, the Convention has called upon the affiliated unions to prepare themselves for all eventualities and mobilise popular opinion in support of the stand taken by the Federation.

Another report from New Delhi states that in view of the serious spreading of epidemics in Malabar and Vizagapatam, the Madras Students' Organisation has decided to send a medical mission for relief work in those areas which are badly affected.

According to a despatch from London, the British people seem to consider the serious famine in Bengal which took a heavy toll of Indian lives in 1942 as a blessing in disguise because it has enabled British scientists to develop a special predigested food for helping people near starvation in Europe.

No Material Change In Okinawa War; Nippon Ground Positions Stronger, Admits Adm. Nimitz

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Tokyo, April 26 (Domei)—Except for some local fighting, the entire battlefront north of Shuri on Okinawa Main Island remained without change throughout yesterday April 25. Enemy forces on this front appear still engaged in preparations for the next offensive following frustration at the hands of Nippon troops of the last enemy general offensive launched on April 19.

As on Wednesday evening enemy forces in this sector held positions on a line running from a height north-east of Onaga, some four kilometres north-east of Shuri, to Gusukuma on the western coast, through south of Nishibaru three kilometres north of Onaga, and a point south of Kazu.

Meanwhile, in the vicinity of Nadogawa, west of Machinato, enemy units were seen engaged in landing troops and supplies from transports by small craft.

Lisbon, April 25 (Domei)—United States Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz told war correspondents yesterday on Okinawa that Nippon ground positions "appear to be as strong as and perhaps stronger than any we have tackled before," according to a dispatch received here.

Balik Papan Raided No Damage Suffered

Balik Papan, April 25 (Domei)—Two B-29's and 18 B-24's raided Balik Papan twice from about 11 a.m. on April 23 marking the first time 'superforts' have appeared over the South Borneo area.

Nippon anti-aircraft fire damaged three B-24's in the raids, which followed up an attack by about 20 B-24's on the preceding day. No damage was suffered on our side.

Extremist Plot Against Argentine Government

Lisbon, April 26 (Domei)—It is officially announced that the police have discovered an extremist plot with country-wide ramifications, directed against the Argentine Government, according to a Buenos Aires dispatch intercepted here.

The message said the Argentine War Council will deal with many people already arrested.

Premier Suzuki's Radio Speech To Okinawa Heroes

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Glowing Tribute Paid To Nippon Armed Forces & Civilian Defenders

Tokyo, April 26 (Domei)—Addressing Nippon defenders, officials and inhabitants of Okinawa Island over the radio from 7.45 o'clock tonight, Premier Admiral Kantaro Suzuki exhorted them to take full advantage of the present golden opportunity to crush enemy invaders through their daring human-bullet special attack spirit and at the same time pledged himself to stand at the vanguard of the entire nation in the prosecution of the war to ultimate victory.

Among other things the Premier said, "Officers and men who are united as one are now valiantly fighting in the whole Okinawa sector with a sure-killing special attack spirit: We, the 100 million people of Nippon, offer unbounded thanks for your valiant fighting. The brilliant war results which are reported daily are indeed a source of great joy to us people.

"At Imperial command I have this time formed a Cabinet to cope with this great national crisis which is unprecedented in our history. My sole intention is to fight through this war with the entire people united as one and crush the inordinate ambition of the United States and Britain.

"The 100 million people of Nippon, undaunted despite daily air raids, are now exerting all-out efforts day and night to reinforce our fighting strength in conjunction with the fighting raging in Okinawa. Notwithstanding substantial damage sustained by Tokyo and other large cities from the enemy's brutal, indiscriminate bombings, the morale of the people has been all the more heightened and they are now engaged in production with a fiery spirit of taking revenge by crushing the enemy. Herein I see the real noble strength of the Nippon people.

"Glorious war results are being daily achieved already. Against the might of our human-bullet special attack units which are peerless in the world and may be called the incarnation of the Nippon spirit, the enemy is now panic stricken. It is plain as day that the enemy will flinch before Nippon's peculiar strategy which will be carried out even in the future.

"I cannot but look forward to your grasping this golden opportunity for gaining victory. We people on the home front without exception and no matter what the situation might confront us, are undaunted and determined to fight this war to a successful consummation."

Soviets Encircle German Capital, Moscow Claims

Zurich, April 25 (Domei).—Berlin has been encircled by the Red Army. Marshal Stalin's order of the day announced today, according to a Moscow dispatch. The order said Marshal Zukov and Marshal Koniev today linked up northwest of Potsdam, thus completing the full encirclement of Berlin.

Reuter's correspondent in Moscow, Duncan Hooper, reported that the battle for Berlin has now spread to the underground railway system where the Russians are engaging the Germans in hand-to-hand fighting in pitchblack passages. Describing the fighting. the correspondent said, the Germans who have been using the underground railway to switch their reserves from sector to sector, yesterday suddenly created a tense situation by bursting out of one of the underground stations in considerable strength at a point well to the rear. He said the Soviets have been compelled to lower field guns underground in order to cope with the resistance.

A London dispatch said in the battle for Germany British Lancaster bombers struck at Hitler's mountain refuge at Berchtesgaden. It appears the anti-Axis are now developing a major assault in the southern sector, leaving Berlin entirely to Soviet troops. On the ground General George Patton's United States Third Army tanks have reached the Danube, west of Regensburg, and were 65 miles away on the direct road to Munich.

In Italy Field-Marshal Sir Harold Alexander's all-out offensive appeared to be gaining momentum as major anti-Axis elements are over the Po River and moving northward. Five German divisions are reported fighting stiff rearguard action south of the Po on the flat land east of Ferrara.

Anglo-American & Soviet Clash Imminent Over Polish Problem; Prospects Of Solution Remote

Lisbon, April 25 (Domei)—Anti-Axis delegates today entered into the San Francisco Conference with anxiety and uncertainty, confronted with a dispute among the "Big Three" powers concerning Poland on the eve of the Conference—a development generally regarded by them as endangering from the outset the success of the loudly-billed anti-Axis "security conference", according to anti-Axis press messages received here.

The United Press reported it has been informed that American Secretary of State Edward Stettinius made a report on the Polish question when he arrived in San Francisco to other members of the United States delegation.

Declaring that no progress toward the solution of the deadlock apparently was made during the preliminary discussions in Washington among the "Big Three" foreign ministers. the United Press said it has been informed that it looks like the Russians mean to stand firm on the demand for the acceptance of their hand-picked Polish Government.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden on his arrival in San Francisco to take part in the talks, accompanied gy Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to Moscow, indicated little optimism as to the outcome of the dispute.

He refused to comment on the Polish question, saying, "I do not think I should say anything more than Stettinius already has wisely said."

Meantime, Sylvian Mangeot, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, in a dispatch from London today, said the continuation of the deadlock between the Anglo-Americans on one side and Russia on the other over Poland's status "certainly is not regarded in official quarters in London as a 'side issue' to the mass task at San Francisco."

Mangeot said Eden and Stettinius are believed to have taken great pains to leave Soviet Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov in no doubt as to their own interpretation of the Yalta Agreement and impressed upon him that the United States and Britain maintain an identical stand.

He summarized the Anglo-American standpoint as follows:

"Firstly, the United States and Britain are not prepared to recognize any Polish Government which they cannot accept as truly representative of the Polish people;

"Secondly. they interpret the Yalta Agreement as committing the Big Three to proceed to the organization of talks between representative Polish leaders, including Poles from abroad, with a view to setting up an enlarged and representative Polish united government;

"Thirdly, they deplore the delay which has elapsed in the opening of these conversations;

"Fourthly, they cannot recognize the right of the Warsaw Provisional Government to veto the names of Polish leaders abroad who, by the terms of the Yalta Agreement, they feel are entitled to attend these discussions;

"Fifthly, they are not prepared to invite the Warsaw Provisional Government in its present form to San Francisco to represent the Polish people."

Meantime, a Reuter dispatch from San Francisco said that both the United States and Britain have consented to support the Russian demand for the separate membership of the Soviet White Russian and Ukrainian republics in the proposed international organizations.

"Hien" Fighters Take Heavy Toll Of Foe Raiders

At an Army Airbase, April 25 (Domei)—"Six B-29's were shot down and 20 others heavily damaged and we didn't suffer the loss of a single plane," an officer said as he ambled out of the base commander's headquarters at this airbase. Time: vesterday, Tuesday morning, when the enemy was still fleeing southward after a costly "hit and run" raid over the Kanto district.

Enemy raiders were known at that time to have suffered the loss of 26 'super-forts' either shot down or severely crippled by our interceptors alone, while all Nippon fighter planes returned to their bases. More than 50 per cent. of this earlier known bag of B-29's was registered by a 'Hien' (Flying Swallow) fighter unit from this base.

It seems one of Major-General Curtis Lemay's favourite tricks is to have his Leviathan bombers range in circle over waters off the Nippon mainland making believe B-29's are shepherded by P-51's. then suddenly flying in a northerly direction.

'Hien' fighters impatiently awaiting the enemy, intercepted him over the skies of Atsuki. Pouncing on the enemy from above, Nippon fighters darted in and out, living up to their namesake—the Swallow—peppering the giant raiders with relentless ferocity. Within 20 minutes, without giving chase to the first group of B-29's the 'Hiens' encountered the next formation, stabbing the enemy from above and below. The battle area was between Atsuki and Tachikawa—the first time the scene of an air duel with B-29's confined to such a limited area.

Incidentally the 'Hien' fighter unit from this base sometime ago established a record of 100 B-29's shot down or severely crippled.

Kampong Folks Hail "One Day Bazaars" In Alor Gajah

Alor Gajah, April 25 (Domei)—The kampong folks of Alor Gajah hailed with joy the recent opening of the 'One Day Bazaars', which is a step toward effectively checking the high cost of living and establishing economic conditions.

The bazaar is open to all communities in the kampong and vendors can only transact business if they have a Post Office Savings Account, and the standing rule is that a portion of the day's sales should be set aside for savings. A special department of the bazaar will devote its activities for encouraging savings directly under the control of the Savings Encouragement Committee.

The bazaar will open once a week in every kampong by rotation, and already excellent results have been registered in the "One Day Bazaars" opened in a few kampongs recently. Commodities sold in the bazaars are mainly foodstuffs, such as vegetables, tapioca and sweet potatoes.

SYONAN TOKUBETU-SI NOTICE No. 39.

Re: Enrolment of Students for the Syonan Tokubetu-si Tras Street Nippon-Go Kyoh Syu Zyo.

Students for the Tras Street Nippon-Go Institute are being enrolled as follows:—

1. NUMBER OF STUDENTS: A certain number in each of the following courses: (a) Regular Course Preliminary Term (former Elementary Course); (b) Regular Course Final Term (former Intermediate Course); (c) Research Course Preliminary Term (former Advanced Course); (d) Research Course Final Term (newly formed).

2. ELIGIBILITY: Applicants may be of either sex, between the ages of approximately 14 and 30.

3. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION: (a) Regular Course candidates will be examined orally only. (b) Research Course candidates will sit for both oral and written tests.

4. APPLICATION: (a) Regular Course: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th May from 2 to 6 p.m. (b) Research Course: 4th May at 6 p.m.

5. RESULTS: To be announced on 7th May at noon.

6. OTHER INFORMATION: (a) Tuition Hours: Morning Session: 10 a.m. to noon. Night Session: 6 to 8 p.m. (b) Tuition free and textbooks provided. (c) Tuition will commence on 8th May. (d) For other particulars enquire at the Institute (Telephone 4862).

SYONAN TOKUBETU-SI TYO.
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Malacca's Programme For Tencho Setsu Celebration

Malacca, April 25 (Domei)—Tentative plans for celebrating Tencho-setsu on April 29. have been drawn up by the Sendenka, Bunkyoka and the various communities. In the morning there will be an impressive ceremony when Governor Kinukawa will deliver a special message.

A special feature of the celebrations will be a Publicity and Welfare tour extending from April 27 to May 2, organized by the Sendenka. Officials of the Malai Ika Daigaku will accompany the party to attend to the sick in the kampongs, while representatives of the Sri City Opera of Malacca will participate in the tour to provide music and kronchong. Comfort visits will also be made to entertain all those engaged in essential military work.

In the afternoon there will be mass callisthenics followed by sports. A two-day concert will be staged on the nights of April 29 and 30, while commencing from April 26 until April 29 there will be special broadcasts.

80,507 Br. Casualties Due To Aerial Action

Lisbon, April 25 (Domei)—Total civilian casualties caused in the London area by German aerial action to date number 80.507, it was disclosed in the House of Commons today, according to a London dispatch.

Free Cinema Shows For Butai, Factory Workers

As part of the Tencho Setsu celebration programme all labourers employed under the Military Administration will be entertained at the Syowa Gekizyo, Syonan, at the 6 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. performances of "Hanako San" on Sunday next.

Officers of the Butais and factories are requested to communicate with Kogyo Ka, Eiga Haikyu Sya (Tel 5871) and state the name of th Butai or factory and the number o their labourers expected to attend a one or both the performances, not later than tomorrow afternoon.

Patrick Hurley Confers With Chiang Kai-Shek

Canton, April 25 (Domei)—Major-General Patrick Hurley, United States Ambassador to Chungking, had lengthy conversations with Chiang Kai-shek yesterday Tuesday, according to reports from Chungking. This Hurley-Chiang conference was the first since the American envoy's return to Chungking from Washington via Moscow last Thursday, April 19.

Chungking reports said that Hurley in the course of his meeting with Chiang is believed to have conveyed results of his consultations with Washington officials during his stay in the American capital.

Drew Pearson Statement Denied As Groundless

Lisbon, April 26 (Domei)—The Tass News Agency today reported here it has been authorized emphatically to deny as groundless the recent article by Drew Pearson, well known columnist of the "New York Daily Mirror" alleging that American forward patrol reached Berlin on April 13 and re treated in view of a protest made b Soviet Premier Marshal Josef Stalin.

Drew's article alleged that the Americans withdrew because the Russians were insistent that they should be the first to enter the German capital.

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